

# Base security through variety



*Soldiers from Anti-Tank Platoon 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 505<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment take their post at observation post Bull Run, outside Asadabad Fire Base. The old cannon at the point was left behind from former Soviet occupation.*

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**ASADABAD FIRE BASE**, Afghanistan — Keeping peace and providing security for the military forces at Asadabad Fire Base, the soldiers from 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 505<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment use a variety of methods to accomplish their mission.

“Force protection is part of combat operations,” said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Sonny Rosales, platoon leader, Anti-Tank Platoon 3, 2-505. “We have (observation post) missions, mounted patrols, (Quick Reaction Force) and tower guard. They all play a part in combat operations.”

“We go out on patrols, looking for caches or whatever – primarily presence patrols,” said Staff Sgt. Joshua Milam, platoon sergeant, AT 5, 2-505.

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## OEF warrants discuss possible changes to corps

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan – Warrant officers here were briefed Sunday on changes that may come into effect for the Warrant Officer Corps.

“The warrant officers will still remain technical and tactical leaders, but these changes will increase visibility through integration into a more formal and higher level of education through the progression of warrant officer ranks,” said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Keith Stilwell, Combined Joint Operational Area Aviation safety officer, Combined Joint Task Force-180, Forces Command Army Safety Augmentation Detachment, Fort McPherson, Ga.

The changes, to be announced next week, will be based on a study conducted as directed by the Chief of Staff of the Army.

This is the third study conducted by the Army Training and Leadership Panel; the first two were officer and non-commissioned officer studies. A fourth, Army civilian study, will follow. All four studies are aimed at identifying training and leader development requirements.

The study managed to collect information from 35-37 percent of warrant officers in 75 locations around the world. The panel used focus groups and written surveys to gather their data from October to December 2001.

The ATLDP Warrant Officer Study group concluded the role of the warrant officer as a technician, advisor, operator, instructor, leader, and manager should be preserved for the Army of 2020. The recommendations from the study support the conclusion that Warrant Officers will continue to perform a vital function in the Army of the future, but that

current methods of accessing, training, educating, and retaining them is not effective.

The study group proposed 63 recommendations which focused on manning and training, and education.

One issue viewed by those in the study was pay and compensation, which hurts recruiting and manning of warrant officers.

Target pay raises for NCOs and no warrant officer pay raises have led to a decrease in monetary incentive to leave the NCO ranks to become a warrant officer. A staff sergeant receives a small pay raise by becoming a warrant officer, while a sergeant first class loses pay. Also, if that NCO is receiving a bonus for re-enlistment they forfeit that money if they decide to become an officer or warrant officer.

Another problem the study found in

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



*A group of protesters pray in front of U.S. checkpoint in Baghdad on Monday.*

## Iraqis take step toward interim government

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — As President Bush prepares to declare the combat phase of the Iraq war over, a group of disparate Iraqi factions took a critical step Monday toward building a new political structure.

The several hundred delegates, including Shiites, Sunnis, Arab tribal chiefs, urban professionals and numerous exiles attending the U.S.-led meeting in Baghdad agreed to reconvene within a month and select a transitional government.

Many made clear their desire for U.S. troops to ensure that Iraq is run by Iraqis, not by a U.S. puppet government.

In Michigan, Bush vowed that the United States will help Iraqis create a democratic society.

"America has no intention of imposing our form of government or our culture," he told Iraqi-Americans. "Yet we will ensure that all Iraqis have a voice in the new government and all citizens have their rights protected."

With Saddam Hussein out of power, Bush promised to help "defeat the dictator's legacy" — though he warned "the work of building a new Iraq will take time."

Thursday, President Bush will give a speech aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, which is returning from the Persian Gulf. White House officials say he will announce that the combat phase of the Iraq war is over.

The various political, ethnic and religious groups at the Baghdad meeting agreed on the immediate need for critical services to

be restored and for more security throughout the country.

Retired U.S. Lt. Gen. Jay Garner, overseeing the initial reconstruction efforts, assured the crowd that his first goals are to provide security and services, and to build jobs.

An official with the U.S.-led Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance, which organized Monday's conference, said about 300 people took part.

"The reason I'm here," Garner told the crowd, "is to create an environment in Iraq which will give us a process to start a democratic government ... that represents the freely elected will of the people."

## U.S. officials: Aziz says he saw Saddam alive

**CNN** — The meeting, under heavy security, took place on Saddam's 66<sup>th</sup> birthday. Coalition officials do not know whether the former Iraqi leader is alive. (Iraqis mark Saddam birthday)

U.S. officials said Monday that Tariq Aziz, Saddam's former deputy prime minister who is now in U.S. custody, told interrogators he saw Saddam after the initial airstrike of the war, which was intended to kill him.

Aziz said he did not see Saddam after the second attempted "decapitation strike" in April, the officials told CNN.

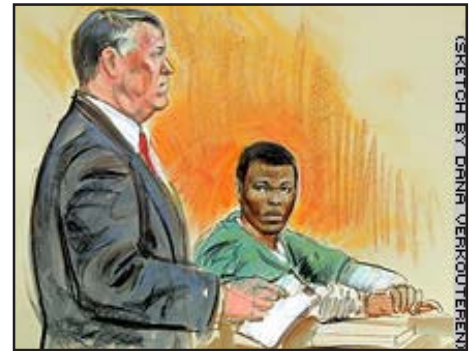
Aziz also said Iraq destroyed stocks of weapons of mass destruction as U.S. troops were arriving in the region, senior military officials said.

However, U.S. officials say it is not clear whether Aziz is telling the truth or whether he would know such information.

Suspected chemical weapons material in northern Iraq was undergoing further analysis Monday after previous tests gave conflicting results.

Samples have been taken for testing in the United States and in Iraq, said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Valerie Phipps of the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment.

Two earlier sets of tests conducted at the scene indicated chemical weapons were present.



*Malvo listens to his attorney during Monday's hearing.*

## Malvo laughingly described some of shootings, police detective says

**FAIRFAX, Va.** — A police detective who interrogated sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo said the teenager gleefully recounted some of the shootings during the three-week spree last fall that left 10 dead and wounded four others.

The statements were made during a six-and-a-half-hour interview with Fairfax County, Va., investigators Nov. 7, in which Malvo reportedly was laughing when he described the shooting death of 47-year-old Linda Franklin, Fairfax County Police detective June Boyle testified Monday.

Malvo, then 17, allegedly admitted to participating in many of the sniper attacks and reportedly confessed to being the triggerman in the shooting of Franklin, an FBI analyst.

Boyle said an interrogation room microphone was turned on rather than bringing in a camera, which tends to make suspects stop talking.

Prosecutors planned to play part of that tape during Monday's hearing, which was expected to last all day.

According to Boyle, Malvo laughed as he described Franklin's murder.

"I asked him where he shot her," Boyle said. "He laughed and pointed to his head."

Boyle's testimony came at a hearing in which Malvo's attorneys are seeking the dismissal of their client's statements to police.

At issue is whether statements Malvo made during the November 7, 2002 interrogation can be used at his trial next fall.



# Civil affairs teaches the teachers

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**JALALABAD**, Afghanistan — Through village assessments, civil affairs teams often identify schools to teach children as one of the more pressing needs for communities throughout Afghanistan. But schools are only half the solution for educating the children. There is still an ongoing need for teachers.

“Every village elder realizes that children are the future of Afghanistan,” said Maj. Jim Hawver, team leader of the Civil Affairs Team - A in Jalalabad, Nangahar Province. Afghans in the Nangarhar Province support both boys and girls getting all the education possible. One of the major obstacles though, is having enough teachers for all the children wanting to attend school.

“Some places have schools, some don’t, some places have schools and no teachers, some have teachers but no schools,” said Capt. Ben Conboy, a civil affairs officer in Jalalabad. Assessments throughout the province show the same problems.

Some schools can only teach through the fourth grade because of the number of children trying to attend the school. More teachers are needed to man the school buildings that exist as well as the schools the U.S. Army is building. An additional need



*Maj. Jim Hawver, team leader of the Civil Affairs Team - A in Jalalabad, Nangahar Province, talks to the contractors about the progress on the school*

is a facility to train teachers.

Unlike other areas of Afghanistan, Nangarhar Province managed to prevent the destruction of their university. The university now has a teacher’s college to instruct the new teachers needed. Part of the process of becoming a teacher has students learn through student teaching. In Jalalabad, the only place for the students to gather had been in the shade of a grove of trees. So the CAT-A team facilitated the building of a Pedagogy school, literally translated as a teachers school, to teach the teachers.

At the 20-room, two-story building, more than 80 teachers will teach young student teachers how to teach. The school will run in two

shifts with over 4,000 children, both boys and girls. Most of the student teachers are women. Reconstruction began March 15 and is scheduled to be completed by mid-July at a cost exceeding \$145,000.

The original school was built by the Soviets in the early 1980s. The Taliban literally dismantled the teacher’s school brick by brick, removing them for other uses. Only the rubble of the foundation remained. The workers on the site tracked down a former teacher at the school who was able to show them where the well was located. As a sign of good faith and camaraderie, the contractor then restored the well at his own expense.

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manning was the recruiting program. There is no unified recruiting program for warrant officers, active duty and reserves have one team, respectively and the National Guard has 53 — one for each state or territory.

To remedy these problems the panel proposed the creation of W1-W3 (E) pay scale, pay increases for all warrant officers and targeted bonuses for short-handed military occupational specialties. Another measure is to create a position for a warrant officer similar to the sergeant major of the Army position.

In the education and training aspect, the study found warrant officers felt neglected and slighted in their schooling. They reported getting little to no technical training

and updates after their basic course. They would also report their advanced course seemed like a review of their basic course. Warrant officers feel their technical competence is at risk, according to the study.

To remedy the education issues, there are a few steps recommended. The first is warrant officer candidates and officer candidates will attend the same school — a combined OCS. Second, warrant officers and second lieutenants will attend the same officer basic course. Third, captains and chief warrant officer threes will attend the same training events as will majors and chief warrant officer fours. Warrant officers will also be managed by senior warrant officers in their branch at Personnel Command instead of a separate warrant officer division.

To help education, it is also recommended that warrant officers wear the insignia of their branches to help transition to a quality education.

The initiatives will take years and money to be implemented, especially the improvements in training and education.

The warrant officers here have mixed opinions according to Stilwell.

“Some wonder why there would even be warrant officers if they go through the same education as an officer, some are not happy to lose the warrant officer insignia because they think they’ll lose their identity and still others are for the proposals because it is an increase in pay and responsibility. I think, in the long run, it will improve the warrant officer corps, but only time will tell.”

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"They're primarily a show of force, trying to make things safe."

However, Rosales added, "There's a lot of different factions of people here. Political and other locals – it can be difficult trying to figure out who you can trust and who you can't. But we're not just here to hunt for al-Qaida, we're here to help people out too."

"It's a great mission, and different," Rosales said.

Through the variety of force protection measures, Rosales explained that they've been able to have great success in their missions. "Compared to all the other fire bases, at least from what I've heard, we haven't been attacked like them. We're very aggressive. Every day we're out there. We always have the OPs and we're always improving force protection."

The missions the Asadabad-based infantrymen pull vary depending on their rotation. The different platoons and teams rotate jobs. Tower guard duty places soldiers on point, directly looking out for the base for a couple of hours a night.

The OPs are manned for approximately a week at a time by a team. They get resupplied through the week. Mounted patrols vary in length of time and dismounted patrols can be one to three days.

"We infiltrate teams into areas to do whatever mission that's needed done. Whether looking for activity or weapons. We exfiltrate them a couple of days later," Milam said.

The dismounted teams only have what they can carry.

"By the time we go to get them, they are very ready to be exfiltrated," Milam added.

Success in their mission may be measured by the lack of base attack, but Rosales also gives credit to advanced planning. "We try to think what would the enemy like to do to us? We go to the places we think they would be, or have been and plan our defenses around that. We try to be smarter than the enemy."

But, Rosales also credits his troops with their continued success. "With the high quality (noncommissioned officers) we have, the job is getting done."

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building: "Original Sin." A young man is plunged into a life of subterfuge, deceit and mistaken identity in pursuit of a femme fatale whose heart is never quite within his grasp.

Tomorrow's movie will be "Dragon Fly."



## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	Today	Wednesday
<b>Bagram:</b>	Sunny H: 84F L: 50F	Sunny H: 81F L: 55F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	Haze H: 97F L: 55F	Haze H: 95F L: 54F
<b>Kabul:</b>	Haze H: 82F L: 50F	Haze H: 79F L: 52F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	Partly cloudy H: 80F L: 41F	Partly cloudy H: 71F L: 38F

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# Coalition Sports Zone

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## Couples finishes with a flurry to win in Houston



**Fred Couples**

**HUMBLE, Texas** — Fred Couples was overwhelmed and nearly speechless after capping his first victory in five years with a birdie on the final hole of the Houston Open.

"I mumbled a few things, then basically wanted to get ... out of there," Couples said, after breaking into tears on the 18<sup>th</sup> green following Sunday's four-stroke win. "I needed to regroup a little bit.

"It's different. I haven't won in five years. I haven't played really well in five years."

He had at least a share of the lead for all four rounds of the tournament close to the University of Houston campus, where he played in college. He shot 5-under 67 left him at 21-under 267 as he outdueled playing partner Mark Calcavecchia and held off challenges from Stuart Appleby and Hank Kuehne to break a winless string of 87 events going back to the 1998 Memorial Tournament.

"I feel honored to win again," the 43-year-old Couples said, after looking like the golfer who was dominant in the 1990s. "I played a very, very good round of golf."

After stumbling midway through his round Sunday, including a double-bogey in the water at No. 7, he shut the door with four birdies on the final six holes, including three straight starting at the 14th. At the par-4 474-yard 16th hole, he left his second shot a foot from the pin, using the same 6-iron that had failed him at No. 7.

"I didn't know how close I was," Couples said. "The people were going crazy."

It was "the shot of the day," he said.

Kuehne, Calcavecchia and Appleby, all holding at least a share of the lead after the turn, tied for second at 271, followed by Jay Haas at 272 and Jeff Maggert at 273. Maggert eagled the first hole and then went on to tie the course record with an 8-under 64.

"That's the best I've ever seen Fred play," said Calcavecchia, trying to end his own two-year winless streak. "I will take out of this week that I know I am going to win again, eventually."

Kuehne and Calcavecchia were doomed after finding the water late in their rounds and Appleby's bid was derailed by a bogey at the 16th hole after an errant tee shot.

Couples led by one over Calcavecchia heading into Sunday's final round and started with a birdie at No. 1.

Calcavecchia started fast, opening with a pair of birdies. His second shot at the par-4 427-yard second hole landed less than 3 feet from the pin. That put him back in a tie with Couples.

But on No. 4, a 401-yard par 4, Calcavecchia's second shot landed

in the pond that fronts the green and led to a double-bogey. It was a three-stroke swing as Couples made an 18-foot birdie. Calcavecchia then made up a stroke with a 21-foot birdie putt on No. 5.

Couples returned the favor, going into the water for the second straight day at the seventh, which became the toughest hole of the week for the golfers, leaving him and Calcavecchia tied at 16-under.

Given the opening, Calcavecchia's drive at the par-3 eighth hole landed 2½ feet from the cup, leaving him an easy birdie attempt while Couples was 61 feet away. But Couples rolled in a perfect putt, throwing his putter into the air and doffing his visor as the huge crowd following the pair roared. Then Couples took the lead at 18-under with an 11-foot putt on No. 9 while Calcavecchia's 2-footer slipped by the side of the hole for par.

At 10, Couples' bogeyed and, when Calcavecchia birdie attempt from less than two feet rimmed off the cup, they were tied again.

Calcavecchia seized the lead on the 12th hole, two-putting for birdie while Couples made par, then gave it back with a bogey on 13.

"I watch (the leaderboard) all day, and it went up and it went down and then it went up again," he said.

Appleby, a winner in 1999 at this event when it was played at the TPC at The Woodlands, and Kuehne, the 1998 U.S. Amateur champion, were making moves.

"Calc went crazy, then Kuehne went nuts, then Appleby," Couples said. "It was a lot of fun to be a part of it."

Appleby started the day two shots behind Couples, but stayed close, making the turn at 1-under. After a bogey at 10, he birdied four of the next five holes, putting him in front, but the bad drive on No. 16 took him well off the fairway and led to a bogey while Couples and Calcavecchia were making birdie right behind him at 15.

Kuehne, who had a share of the lead after the second round, made the turn at 2-under for the day, birdied Nos. 10 and 12 and then had consecutive birdies at 15, 16 and 17 to hold the lead by one shot. But the 27-year-old from Dallas put his tee shot at the 18th hole into the water. After taking a drop, his next shot soared over the green, leaving him with his only bogey of the day.

"I just hit a bad shot," he said.

With Couples making birdies at Nos. 14, 15 and 16, Calcavecchia fell out of contention for good when his shot at the 17th hole stopped at the edge of the water and he waded in knee-deep to avoid a penalty drop. When his par attempt hung on the lip of the cup for bogey, Couples was home free.

This year the tournament, sponsored by Shell Oil Co., was moved from The Woodlands complex after a 28-year run to the new sprawling Redstone Golf Club, at 7,508 yards the fourth-longest course on the tour.



## Johnson wraps up first Nationwide title in playoff

**FORT SMITH, Ark.** — Zach Johnson shot a final-round 66, then made par on the first playoff hole to beat Steve Haskins in the Rheem Classic on Sunday.

Haskins surged into contention Saturday with a 63, but he shot a 70 on Sunday to slip into a tie with Johnson at 8-under 272.

On the playoff hole, Haskins pushed his tee shot into the deep rough and put his second shot in the left rough. His third wound up 20 feet behind the hole, and his putt for par rolled past the cup.

Johnson's drive stayed in the fairway, and he then hit a short iron to the back edge of the green and made his par with two putts to claim the \$85,500 first-place check.

"This is unbelievable," said Johnson, who tied for third at last week's First Tee Arkansas Classic at Hot Springs Village after holding a share of the 54-hole lead with eventual winner Ted Purdy.

"I was kind of down after last week but I've been playing well," Johnson added.

First-day leader Scott Petersen (66) and Mike Sullivan (69) shared third place at 7 under.

Franklin Langham, who led after both the second and third rounds, had a final-round 76, done in by a quadruple-bogey on the par-4 14<sup>th</sup>.

He fell all the way back to a tie for 12<sup>th</sup>.

Johnson began the final round six shots behind Langham, with 14 players between himself and the lead.

"I definitely thought I had a chance," he said.

"If somebody said I'd have to shoot 4 under, I would have told them they were crazy. I thought I'd need a lot more than that."

## Ferrie birdies second playoff hole to win Spanish Open

**COSTA ADEJE, Canary Islands** — England's Kenneth Ferrie won the Spanish Open on Sunday for his first European tour title, beating Ireland's Peter Lawrie and Sweden's Peter Hedblom on the second playoff hole.

Lawrie (66), Hedblom (67) and Ferrie (69) finished regulation at 22-under-par 266.

The three birdied the first playoff hole.

Ferrie had a birdie on the second extra hole, capitalizing on an excellent drive. Hedblom and Lawrie missed the green with their first shots.

Ferrie's previous best finish on the European tour was a tie for third at the 2002 French Open.

Pablo Martin, the 17-year-old Spanish amateur champion, was among six players tied for the lead entering the final round. But he closed with a 74 for a 271.

Sergio Garcia, the 2002 Spanish Open champion, closed with a 68 and finished at 270.

## Flagship event will have third-richest purse in Europe

**WENTWORTH, England** — Prize money for this year's Volvo PGA championship will total a record \$3.86 million, making it the third-richest event on European soil, the European Tour announced on Monday.

The British Open, with a prize fund of \$6 million, and the Dunhill Links Championship, with a fund of \$5 million, are the only tournaments in Europe that will offer more money for the players this season.

The Volvo PGA championship, scheduled to take place at Wentworth Club from May 22-25, is the flagship event on the European tour.

It will benefit this year from an increase of \$362,000 over the 2002 prize fund.

"This is another significant chapter in the tour's special relationship with Volvo," European Tour executive director Ken Schofield said in a statement.

"The extension of the contract with Volvo through to the 50<sup>th</sup> playing of this great championship in 2004, with a prize fund worth 3,500,000 euros (\$3.86 million) for 2003, will further enhance the status of the championship as the tour's flagship event."

Denmark's Anders Hansen won last year's Volvo PGA championship by five strokes, closing with a two-under-par 70 in spite of torrential showers to clinch his debut victory in the professional ranks.

All four majors and the four annual World Golf Championship events appear on both the European and PGA Tour schedules.

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